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This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled:

**PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF ARMOATIC DICARBOXYLIC ACIDS**

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This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers:

- Newly executed Declaration,  Copy of Declaration from prior application,  Abstract  
 Please delete the following inventors in the continuation/division/continuation-in-part application:

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23 pages of specification and claims (including 9 numbered claims), and  
1 sheets of accompanying drawing/s for Figures 1 - 1.

Attached is a Power of Attorney.

Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

- | Application Number | Country | Day/Month/Year Filed |
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| 2001-259353        | JP      | 29 August 2001       |
| PCT/JP02/08606     |         | 27 August 2002       |
- , respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..  
 Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.  
 Certified copy(ies) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in prior application no. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_  
 This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.  
 This application is a  continuation/ division/ continuation-in-part of Application No. PCT/JP02/08606, filed 27 August 2002, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.  
 Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.  
 The prior application is assigned to \_\_\_\_\_  
It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the above parent application(s) by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached, but pursuant to Rule 98(d) copies are not required.  
 Applicant claims "small entity" status.  "Small entity" statement attached.  
 Please enter the attached preliminary amendment prior to calculation of filing fee:  
  
 Also attached:  Information Disclosure Statement;  Non-Publication Request;  Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission;  Statement deleting Inventor(s) named in prior application;  Other:

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